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COUNTRY Rumania

REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

TOPIC Soviet Troops in CONSTANTIA

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EVALUATION [REDACTED]

PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED]

DATE OF CONTENT 28 October 1949

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1. Cuza Voda Barracks (formerly 34th Inf Regt Barracks) on Stalin Street (formerly Carol Street):

Artillery unit which was permanently stationed there. Gate guards wore black epaulets with the crossed-gun barrel insignia.

About 100 trucks (mostly Studebaker trucks) and 20 guns with about 10 feet long gun barrels were parked in the eastern section of the barracks area. [REDACTED]

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Apart from 10 serviceable trucks and 4 passenger cars, all motor vehicles and guns were jacked up.

2. Marasti Barracks (former 13th Arty Regt Barracks) on Stalin Street, opposite the Cuza Voda Barracks:

Guards with red epaulets were at one barracks gate, and guards with black epaulets at another gate.

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Six trucks, two tank trucks and two passenger cars [REDACTED] were observed in the barracks area. More motor vehicles were parked in the barracks yard.

3. Barracks (former Jav Regt Barracks) south of the Marasti Barracks on the same side of Stalin Street:

Guards with black epaulets were seen at the southern barracks gate. About 100 trucks and 40 four-wheeled guns were parked along the southern side of the barracks. A Rumanian sentry was observed on the northern barracks gate, also located on Stalin Street.

4. Building on Stefan cel Mare Street, corner of Mircea cel Mare Street:

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About 10 Soviet officers of high rank and about 20 officers of medium rank, wearing black or red epaulets, entered the building in the afternoon. Soviet women wearing civilian clothes were also seen.

5. Five-story Republica Hotel-Restaurant at 20 Bulv. Republicii:

Six Soviet majors, ten officers of lower rank and some women were observed in the lobby.

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Comment:

Source believed the Soviet troops in the Cuza Voda Barracks and in the barracks south of the Iarasti Barracks to be AAA units.

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Comment:

a. The information that the CONSTANTA barracks were occupied by Soviet troops in October 1949 indicates that no Soviet troops from CONSTANTA were transferred to the western border of Rumania in the late Summer and Fall of 1949.

b. It is assumed from previous information that the Hq of the Soviet troops in Rumania (the former Hq of the Southern Group of Forces) is located in CONSTANTA. It is considered possible that this headquarters is located in the building mentioned in para 4 of this report.

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